HIPAA
University of Michigan School of Dentistry

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is an extensive piece of legislation that requires the standardization of electronic patient health, administrative and financial data. Important to healthcare providers and researchers, HIPAA created the Privacy Rule - a set of minimum standards for the use and disclosure of "protected health information" (PHI). The Privacy Rule protects individuals by safeguarding the privacy of any identifiable health information, yet many provisions ensure that the rule does not impede the delivery of healthcare.

Confidentiality at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry
We recognize and support each patient's right to confidential medical/dental care. Staff members are committed to ensuring your confidentiality.

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Protected Health Information
The School of Dentistry will protect the following which is considered individually identifiable if it includes one more of the following:

1. Names
2. All geographic references smaller than a state, including:
   o street address
   o city
   o county
   o precinct
   o zip codes
3. Telephone & fax number
4. E-mail addresses
5. Social Security numbers
6. Medical/dental record numbers
7. Health plan beneficiary numbers
8. Account numbers
9. All elements of dates (except years) for dates related to an individual, including:
   o birth date
   o date of death
   o all ages over 89 and all elements of dates (including year) indicative of such age, except that such ages and elements may be aggregated into a single category of age 90 or older
10. Certificate/license numbers
11. Vehicle identifiers and serial numbers, including license plate numbers
12. Device identifiers and serial numbers
13. Biometric identifiers, including finger and voice prints
14. Full face photographic images and any comparable images
15. Any other unique identifying numbers, characteristics, or codes